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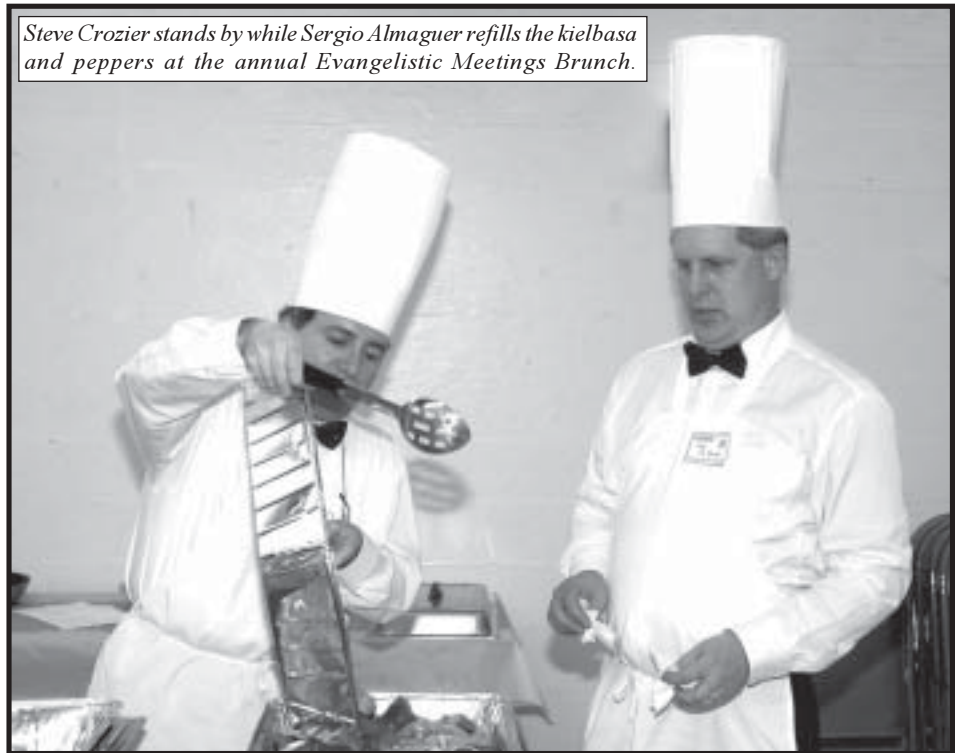
EVANGELIST EMPHASIZES SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE

The annual spiritual renewal meetings featured the ministry of Evangelist John R. VanGelderens, president of *Preach the Word Ministries*, and his wife Mary Lynn. Evangelist Van Gelderen delivered an unfeigned proclamation of revival and the spirit-filled life. Through the faithful exposition of Scripture, every service was an opportunity to gain valuable insight into the fullness of the Spirit of God. Numbers of those attending report making thoughtful and serious decisions for the Lord based on the knowledge they gained under the sound preaching.

Only second to the exceptional delivery of the biblical message was the soul-stirring music. Mary Lynn, an accomplished pianist, has composed several numbers used widely in fundamentalism. Partnering with her husband, she has developed a package of music that prepares the heart for the message with a sublime exaltation of the Lord.

To highlight the week, *The Singing Chef's* hosted a delicious brunch on the Saturday of the meeting. The over 100 people attending enjoyed an unusually delightful treat; the evangelist and his wife delivered an insightful musical testimonial. By interweaving their music with personal testimonies, HSBC gained a unique appreciation for the life and ministry of the Van Gelderens. ■

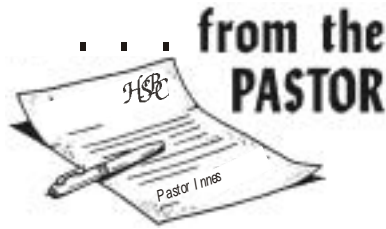
Steve Crozier stands by while Sergio Almaguer refills the kielbasa and peppers at the annual Evangelistic Meetings Brunch.



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Personal



The saints at Hamilton Square Baptist Church are to be commended for their consistent and diligent service to our Lord. My heart is filled with gratitude to all who have been working in such a commendable fashion in all of the various ministries of the church. Faithfulness and boldness in giving has also characterized our congregation this year. We have been faced with the greatest financial challenge in many years and have seen the hand of God in meeting our needs. To all of you I say a great big *thank you!*

We were blessed in the month of February by the ministry of the hand-bell musical team from Shepherds Home in Union Grove, Wisconsin. Those present in this service will never forget the songs and the testimonies from these precious people. In March, Evangelist John Van Gelderen and his wife Mary Lynn were with us for eight days of meetings and what a blessed time we had. It was a time of genuine spiritual refreshing for all of us. Souls were saved and many victories were won.

Also in March the homosexual marriage issue hit us, full force. Our illustrious mayor decided to flout the will

of the people in a grand fashion and made worldwide headlines in arranging licenses for homosexual



Dr. David C. Innes
Senior Pastor

marriage. The Bible believing pastors in our city began calling one another and seeking to find a course of action in response to this horrific moral tragedy. After thorough planning, we arranged a meeting with the mayor followed by a news conference. We felt that it was absolutely necessary for us to be a moral voice providing moral leadership for our community.

In April, a group of about 35 local pastors met with the mayor. Mayor Newsom graciously received us but was adamant in his belief that he was on the right side of the moral issue in promoting homosexual marriage. The news conference which followed went very well. There were many representatives present from the various media outlets and the coverage was more favorable than we expected. On the last Sunday of April we held a large rally on 19th Avenue with over 7,000 lining both sides of the streets for many blocks. The demonstrators were given signs and most of them wore red tee-shirts advertising marriage as between one man and one woman. Again, the media coverage was more and better than we had expected.

In addition to the above, friends from across the country in Christian Colleges and other conservative organizations are assisting us in a calling campaign to the mayor's office and two other city officials. Thousands of calls have been generated to date with no official response to these calls as yet.

The ministers continue to meet to monitor the situation and make further plans. There is a large state-wide rally

planned at the State Capitol. We are awaiting several decisions from the California Supreme Court relating to our local situation. We greatly appreciate the help and the prayers of so many of our friends from across the nation.

Our congregation was tremendously blessed by Pastor Gregory Minnikov and the orchestra and choral group from the Russian Independent Baptist Church of Sacramento on April 25. Pastor Minnikov brought a challenging message on the theme, *Make Your Calling and Election Sure*. In the afternoon service the orchestra and choir ministered in an unforgettable service with quality heart stirring songs. Pastor Minnikov gave his testimony and Brother Yuri told about the printing presses that were used by the underground church during the days of the communist regime in the former Soviet Union. This was a day long to be remembered.

It was a delight to have Dr. James Binney on Memorial Day weekend. He was with us for both morning and

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evening services. Dr. Binney has been with us twice for our annual Christian Life Conference. His messages are always so practical, helpful and encouraging. We might call him *the Biblical Answer Man*. It is so good to hear messages that lead us to practical spiritual solutions to our problems.

I am looking forward to the Pacific Rim Fundamental Baptist Fellowship being held July 25-29 at the Narishino Baptist Church in Chiba, Japan, pastored by my dear friend Dr. Peter Maruyama. I will be speaking several times on the theme of *Fundamentalism*. My son

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Delbert and two of my grandsons, Allen and Alex will be making the trip with me and will be helping during the conference in a number of areas. This is shaping up to be a great conference. Dr. Bob Jones III, Dr. John Vaughan and others will also be speaking.

Make your plans now for this year's Christian Life Conference August 19-21. Dr. Ed Deese will be the conference speaker. Brother Deese has been gifted with special skills in training and organizing the staff and workers in the local church. His present ministry is in this very area of expertise. I believe he will be a great help and assistance to all of our workers and will give us training in areas that will make a significant difference in our personal ministries.

It is the supreme joy of life to serve God. He is truly a wonderful master. May He renew our spirit day by day and give us the strength and vitality necessary to serve Him with joy and with zeal. God bless you! ■



Dr. David Innes (top left) addresses the media at the news conference following the meeting with San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom.

Mayor Newsom (right) responds to pastor's delegation.

Pastors and ministry leaders representing at least 200 San Francisco bible-believing ministries display their convictions concerning biblical marriage at City Hall after the news conference on April 14, 2004.





Ambassador Bible Study

The Ambassador Bible Study has completed its lessons on *The Origins of Everything* and is now looking at *Seven Doctrinal Errors that Abound in Christendom*. We have designed this study not only to fortify the faith of those attending but to enable them further to defend their faith effectively. If you are not currently attending a Sunday morning adult Bible study, we invite you to visit the Ambassador class.
Pastor Tim Sneed

AWANA

AWANA Ends – Frontline Begins

It is the end of an era at Hamilton Square Baptist Church. At the end-of-the-year awards ceremony on Friday, May 21, we not only finished the AWANA year but also concluded our use of the AWANA clubs. This fall, Lord willing, we will begin to use the children's club created by Faith Baptist Church of Greenville, South Carolina, *The Frontline Club*.

Frontline is now being used by many fundamental Baptists because of its clear stand upon the principles that we hold dear. We are thrilled at the prospects of using *The Frontline Club* not only because of the promise of a sound biblical standard, but because of its excellent design. We have told our clubbers, leaders and parents that *Frontline* will provide all of the things that made AWANA great and exciting while offering a foundation with which we can have absolute confidence.

We will have more news about how you can get involved as the fall season draws near.
Pastor Tim Sneed

The Next Steps

Since the last *Messenger*, we've been blessed in so many ways through meeting with homeless families, women, men and children and watching lives change with Jesus being invited into their heart and life. The tract information that we have been distributing is being well accepted. It is fascinating to use the Scripture in the street because we sometimes get a glimpse of a person ingesting it into their minds and coming alive by embracing the hope that Jesus provides to their lives and watching the gloom of the depression being chased away.

We wish to thank all of you who prayed for us and the homeless we serve during this period in this effort that reaches out to the homeless women, children and men. It is really appreciated! For those of you who pray for us, we thank the Lord for your thoughtfulness and we trust in Him to meet your respective needs.

We are already using the workhorse freezer, which the church provided, to help several homeless families, some of whom have two or more children, with food provision while they stabilize their housing situation as they have found work or schooling.

We appreciate your prayers and donations as well as the continued support of the church as we work with the homeless in San Francisco.
Herb Anderson

Sacramento Russian Ministry

We all had a great time when Pastor and Mrs. Innes joined us in Sacramento on February 29. Pastor Innes brought two messages on the Bible and its place in the believer's life. After the morning service, we feasted on borscht, cheese pelmeni, smoked salmon butterbrot and other Russian goodies. As we fellowshiped with Pastor Minnikov and Brother Valentine Ilin, we made plans for Pastor Minnikov and the church orchestra's visit to Hamilton Square for the "Russian Festival" that took place on April 25.

In the Russian Sunday morning Bible Class we are working our way through Romans. So far we are up to Romans 1:4.

We also wish to thank Pastor Brian Kelly for his printing magic by typesetting the Bible reading schedule which Anna translated into Russian.
Robert and Anna Fall

SAGES

We SAGES (Senior Adults Growing in Excellence and Spirituality) continue to rejoice and praise the Lord for the opportunities for fellowship during our bi-monthly after-church luncheons and bus trips to visit scenic places of interest with our region. On February 19, the SAGES traveled to San Mateo for a guided tour of the Coyote Point Wildlife Habitat and Environmental Museum. During the visit, we observed foxes, coyotes, sea otters and many other forms of wildlife where they reside in their natural habitat. We also saw several displays pertaining to preserving the environment within the San Francisco Bay Area. Following the tour we ate lunch at Dominic's Restaurant located on Popular Creek Golf Course in San Mateo.

On April 15, the bus took us to Danville, California for a guided tour of the Blackhawk Classic Automobile Museum.

All senior adults age 55 and over

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HIDDEN GEMS

This Year's Annual Meeting was an occasion of honoring those "Hidden Gems" who serve the Lord faithfully at Hamilton Square Baptist Church without recognition. The names of those who were honored plus the way they make HSBC a more blessed place in the body of Christ are listed as follows:

- ✦ Sherman Adkins – Honorary Lifetime Deacon, Stewardship Committee, Historical Records, Tract Ministry (formerly), etc.
- ✦ Priscilla Borg – Women's Ministry Director, Sunday Morning Hospitality Table
- ✦ Carl Cahill – Head Usher, Deacon
- ✦ Heather Cahill – Nursery Director, Piano, Minister of Records
- ✦ Liza Camastro – Deaconess, Children's Church, Nursery, Hospitality
- ✦ Lynda Constantineau – Housekeeping, Alpha Pregnancy Center
- ✦ Steve Crozier – Junior Church Director, Teen Sunday School Teacher, Youth Fellowship, Food Committee Chairman, Webmaster, Choir, Music Ministry, Gospel Mission
- ✦ Miranda Dea – Deaconess, Bulletin Boards, Organist, Special Music Coordinator
- ✦ Patrick Dea – Chairman of Deacons, Treasurer, Tract Ministry, Choir
- ✦ Augustine Escamilla – Usher, Clean-up
- ✦ Anna Fall – Russian Ministry, Sunday Morning Hospitality Table
- ✦ Robert Fall – Russian Ministry, Church Archivist, Sunday Morning Hospitality Table (Coordinator), Pastor's Baptism Assistant
- ✦ Edith Innes – Tape Ministry, Choir
- ✦ Paula Innes – Nursery, Deaconess, Choir
- ✦ Kristie Kelly – Decorations, Choir, Women's Ministry
- ✦ Georgia Hosford – Shut-ins, Everybody's Helper
- ✦ La Rue Jensen – Stewardship Committee, Food, Baptismal Assistance
- ✦ Verna Karley – Decorations, Setup, Clean-up
- ✦ Crispy Luppino – Flowers
- ✦ Don Maalona – Children's work, Choir, Music Ministry, Deacon, Decorations
- ✦ Karen Maalona – Beginner's Church, Decorator, Choir, Music Ministry
- ✦ Mike Moxley – Deacon, Adult Bible Study Teacher, Presenter of Finances
- ✦ Virginia Osteyee – Deaconess, Minister of Stewardship, Shut-In Ministry, Baptismal Set-up
- ✦ Josh Quiring – Sound Booth, Decoration, Ambassador Bible Study Assistant Teacher
- ✦ Lowell Skidmore – SAGES Seniors Ministry Coordinator, Discipling, Junior Church, Ushers
- ✦ Olga Sorenson – Care and Prayer Ministry, etc.
- ✦ Ed Thomas – Sound Booth, Usher
- ✦ JoAnn Young – Sunday School, Deaconess, Food, Transportation of others to church



Below are excerpts from Thank You notes sent by two of our missionaries concerning the HSBC annual Christmas offering:

Dear Friends,

We trust and pray that you all had a very Merry Christmas and that you will have a profitable New Year in Him. We really appreciate your Christmas gift to us. May the Lord richly bless you for it.

Russell and Valerie Frederick-Germany

Dear Friends as Hamilton Square,

Your recent generous gift of \$150 was an encouragement to us. You may realize that the US dollar has lost at least 25% value here in Europe. Thus when we were informed from our mission agency, Baptist World Mission, that you had a designated gift, we thank the Lord for once again meeting our financial needs.

Your church has been so faithful through the years to support us and also send us special gifts. We remain extremely grateful for your special help to us.

Gene and Peggy Mumford-France

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are invited to join us during our future bi-monthly bus trips and Sunday after-church luncheons.
Lowell Skidmore

Visitation Outreach

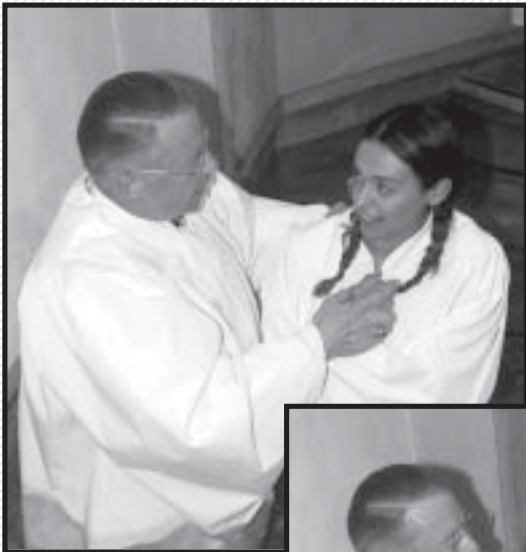
The Visitation Outreach follow-up ministry has had some recent changes. We now meet on the second and fourth Sundays at 2 p.m. to

go out and follow up on our newcomers and share the gospel. Also, we have come to realize that to do effective follow-up in San Francisco, we need to add a driver to each visitation team. This means that we would have three people on a team, two doing direct follow-up and one person to drive from place to place. Finding a parking space in most neighborhoods can take up all the available time for visit-

ing. Having the extra team member eliminates the need for the team to find parking before knocking on a door. If you have reliable transportation and can help out in this way, please let us know. The witnessing training still takes place on the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. See Pastor Sneed or Eileen if you would like to get involved.

Pastor Tim Sneed

BAPTISMS



*Then they that
gladly received
His word were
baptized.
Acts 2:41*

Dr. David Innes prepares Brenna Ramsey (upper left) and Shawn Hughes (center) for baptism on Sunday, March 14, 2004. Pastor Tim Sneed prepares Lee Ard for baptism on Sunday, May 9, 2004

😊 Happy😊 😊 Happenings😊

Christian Rogers graduated *Magna Cum Laude* on Monday, May 31 from Bates College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology. Congratulations, Christian!😊

Heather Cahill and her children, Caleb, Laura and Allison have enjoyed a trip to Pennsylvania beginning April 15 to visit Heather's parents. Carl joined them as they traveled to Houston, Texas in the first week of May to visit Carl's twin sister Laura and her family. They returned home at the end of

😊 May. The children especially enjoyed visiting at Grandpa and Grandma McAfee's house and getting to see their cousins.😊

Rosemarie Ortega enjoyed a trip to Ventura, California on March 27-31 to attend an elder hostel program which included a trip to Channel Islands National Park. On April 23-28 she visited her four oldest grandchildren, ages 11-16, in Southern Oregon and their parents Lefi and Dee Dee Tausaga.😊

Pastor Tim and Eileen Sneed have moved to a new home. They wish to thank everyone who has prayed with them for this blessing and they praise the Lord for being able to live closer to the church.

Their new address is: 1700 Broadway Street, Apt. 403, San Francisco, CA 94109.😊

The Sneedens also report an upcoming trip to Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina during the last two weeks of July. Pastor Sneed will be taking a course for his master's program entitled *Expository Preaching from Prophecy*. Eileen will be learning all about the *Frontline Club* for children which, Lord willing, will be replacing our AWANA clubs this fall. During the weekend between the two weeks of class, Pastor Sneed and Eileen plan to visit family in Wilmington, North Carolina.😊



with Pastor Sneed

Since my last column, my wife Eileen and I have found our lives filled with an abundance of activity. Each day rolls into the next with many tasks undone and more added to the schedule. It is in times like these that we have to remind ourselves as David did to “lift up [our] eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh [our] help (Psalm 121:1).” God’s glory is the only reason we do what we do and He wants us not just to survive but to thrive under these circumstances.

Is not our God an awesome God? The word *awesome* truly does describe our God for it means something inspiring “an emotion variously combining dread, veneration, and wonder (merriamwebster.com).” I hesitate to use this word in this context today because the *Gen-Xers* have successfully watered down the meaning so that in the vernacular one might say, “Wow, that cheeseburger was awesome!” or “Hey, this song is really awesome!” But when we understand what it means truly to *stand in awe* of something, God is certainly One Who fits the bill.

Knowing that God is such an awesome God



Tim Sneed
Associate Pastor

should have a tremendous impact on our lives. It obviously did on the psalmist for he said, “O LORD our Lord, how excellent *is* thy name in all the earth! Who hast set thy glory above the heavens. . . . When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which Thou hast ordained; What is man, that Thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that Thou visitest him (Psalm 8:1-4)?” When we get the right perspective on God, our arrogance dissipates and our appreciation for Him as our Sovereign Creator and Savior rises to its proper level.

Why then do we often live our lives with the same fears, doubts and anxieties as our unsaved neighbors? If God is such a great God, then surely He is able to handle the mundane daily trials of our lives.

Perhaps the problem lies not only in our lack of understanding of His greatness, but also in our inability to comprehend fully His interests in us as individuals. This is apparent in David’s query above, “What is man, that Thou art mindful of him?” What will help us to bridge the gap in our understanding between God’s awesomeness on the one hand and the fact that this awesome God is concerned with the daily lives of His pitiful fallen creatures on the other?

The answer is found in Galatians chapter four: “. . . God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under

the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ (Galatians 4b-7).” Because of God’s love, He sent His Son into the world not only to save us from our sins, but to bring us into a full familial relationship with Him. Now that we are sons of God, we have the

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right to call upon Him with the same intimate name that Jesus used in His prayer in Gethsemane—Abba Father (Mark 14:36). We have the same privileged relationship with God the Father as does God the Son.

When I go home to my mother’s house, I don’t knock like an unexpected guest or an unwanted vacuum cleaner salesman; I just open the door and shout, “Mother, I’m home!” She then greets me and welcomes me in with a kiss, sets me at the table, and feeds me all of my favorite dishes from my childhood. This is because we have a parent-child relationship.

If you have sincerely received Jesus into your heart and life, then you are God’s precious child (John 1:12). Though you may not always please Him, you are still the apple of His eye (Zechariah 2:6). Though He may sometimes seem far away, it is only a deceptive thought for He promised to never leave our side (Hebrews 13:5). Knowing these promises, let us not live our lives with our eyes upon our consequences, but let the gaze of our spirit be focused upon the faithful One Who sealed these promises with His own blood.



Lowell and Elizabeth Skidmore 04/20/1956
48 Years!

Bill and Jenny Cacapit 06/06/1998
6 Years!

Alhassan Sesay and Ana Rodrigues 06/10/1999
5 years!

Carl and Heather Cahill 06/14/1997
7 Years!

Brian and Deborah Kelly 06/27/1997
7 Years!

Vladimir and Judy Romanenkov 06/29/1986
18 years!



**Look Who's Having
a Birthday!**

☺April☺

Perla Dela Cruz 4/4	Georgetta Quiring 4/17
Patrick Dea 4/7	Lowell Skidmore 4/21
Georgia Hosford 4/8	Leonora Ladeza 4/21
Leslie Moxley 4/13	Christian Brown 4/22
Ron Chicca 4/15	Daniel Rogers 4/25
Donald Quiring 4/15	Mel Casildo 4/26

☺May☺

G. L. Hastings 5/1	Karen Maalona 5/13
Gregory Giusti 5/4	Eileen Sneed 5/15
Brian Kelly 5/5	Ronnie Celio 5/22
Michael Moxley 5/10	Stephanie Luis 5/26
Sophie Allardice 5/12	Sally Singh 5/27
Deanne Charpentier 5/12	

☺June☺

Elizabeth Vega 6/6	Royce Mouradian 6/18
Sandra Solomon 6/8	Shawn Dickinson 6/19
John Lee 6/10	LaRue Jensen 6/22
John Salvador 6/15	Michael Hanley 6/23
Thu Le 6/15	



On Sunday, April, 25, 2004, Robert Fall organized a "Russian Day" at Hamilton Square Baptist Church. The day featured preaching from Pastor Gregory Minnikov of the Russian Independent Baptist Church in Sacramento and an afternoon concert with the church's orchestra and choir.